

**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**Board for Proprietary Education**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board for Proprietary Education met in regular session starting at 10:00 a.m. at 101 West Ohio Street, Kent Weldon Board Room, with Chairman Dr. Ken Sauer presiding.

**II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*Members Present:*

Rod Haywood, Jr., Ken Konesco, Eric Ogle, Joe Pearson, and Dr. Ken Sauer.

*Members Absent:*

None

*Members Present by Conference Call:*

None

*Guests Present:*

Alan Bacon, Tricia Berry, Jeff Biltz, Miranda Brand, Michael Crowley, Kelly Karki, Shawntel Landry, Jose Martinez-Diaz, Bryon Neff, Timothy Pardue, Josh Pritchard, Sara Sander, Lee Tincher, Amber Nicole Ying.

It was determined that there was a quorum for the December 8, 2015 Board meeting.

**III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING**

The Board for Proprietary Education approved the Minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Ken Konesco moved for acceptance and Joe Pearson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Ken Sauer notified the Board members that Kimberly Perkins had resigned as a Board member. He complimented Ms. Perkins on her membership with the Board since inception.

Dr. Ken Sauer informed the Board that Kaplan College at Hammond and Indianapolis had been purchased by Education Corporation of America. As a result of the new ownership, Kaplan College at Hammond and Indianapolis will be renamed Brightwood College on January 8, 2016.

Dr. Ken Sauer updated the Board on the drafted BPE rules. He stated that BPE is waiting for the formal exemption from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Dr. Ken Sauer told the Board that he had done an interview with Indianapolis radio talk show host Amos Brown. The interview centered on students attending proprietary institutions, and program outcomes. In particular, programs in which a student is required to seek licensure after

graduation in order to be employed.

Dr. Ken Sauer introduced the topic of the class action lawsuit settlement with Education Management Corporation (EDMC); which owns The Art Institute of Indianapolis and Brown Mackie College. As a result of the settlement EDMC must pay Indiana, four other states and the federal government a combined \$95.5 million.

## **V. TIME – SENSITIVE ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Academic Degree Programs**

#### **1. American College of Education: New Degree Request**

Representing American College of Education was: Shawntel Landry, Provost and Interim President, Lee Tincher, Academic Dean, and Amber Nicole Ying, Associate Counsel and VP of Regulatory Affairs and Compliance.

Mr. Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that American College of Education be granted approval to offer one Master's degree program via distance education.

- *M. Ed. in STEM Leadership*

Mr. Joe Pearson made the motion to approve the staff recommendation to grant approval to American College of Education to award the above mentioned program with the stipulation that the institution must submit course descriptions, and a cross-walk between the course outcomes and the STEM requirements of the Indiana Department of Education. Mr. Rod Haywood seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by Rod Haywood, Ken Konesco, Eric Ogle, Joe Pearson, and Dr. Ken Sauer.

#### **2. Florida Institute of Technology: New Degree Request**

Representing Florida Institute of Technology was: Mr. Jose Martinez-Diaz, Associate Dean, Bryon Neff, Assistant Professor and Site Director, and Josh Pritchard, Assistant Professor and Program Manager

Mr. Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that the Florida Institute of Technology be granted approval to offer one Master's degree program at one location.

- *M.A. in Professional Behavior Analysis*

Mr. Rod Haywood made the motion to approve the staff recommendation to grant approval to the Florida Institute of Technology to award the above mentioned program. Mr. Joe Pearson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by Rod Haywood, Ken Konesco, Eric Ogle, Joe Pearson, and Dr. Ken Sauer.

**3. Harrison College:  
New Degree Request**

Representing Harrison College was: Alan Bacon, Campus President, Jeff Biltz, Director of Accreditation Compliance, and Michael Crowley, Executive VP, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer.

Mr. Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that Harrison College be authorized to offer one Associate's degree program at one location.

- *A.A.S. in Business*

Mr. Eric Ogle made the motion to approve the staff recommendation to grant approval to Harrison College to award the above mentioned program. Mr. Rod Haywood seconded the motion. Mr. Ken Konesco abstained from voting.

The motion was approved by Rod Haywood, Eric Ogle, Joe Pearson, and Dr. Ken Sauer.

**4. Kaplan University:  
New Degree Requests**

Representing Kaplan University was: Tricia Berry, Associate Dean and Director of Clinical and Practicum Programs, Miranda Brand, Associate Dean, Kelly Karki, Regulatory Filings Project Manager, Timothy Pardue, Associate Dean, and Sara Sander, Dean and Vice President.

Mr. Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that Kaplan University be authorized to offer three Associate degree programs, eight Baccalaureate degree programs, and two Master's degree programs at one location.

- *A.A.S. in Criminal Justice and Criminology*
- *A.A.S. in Legal Support and Services*
- *A.A.S. in Public Safety and Security*
- *B.S. in Corrections*
- *B.S. in Cybersecurity*
- *B.S. in Early Childhood Administration*
- *B.S. in Finance*
- *B.S. in Health Information Management*
- *B.S. in Psychology in Addictions*
- *B.S. in Psychology and Applied Behavior Analysis*
- *B.S. in Psychology and Industrial/Organizational Psychology*
- *M.S. in Cybersecurity Management*
- *M.S. in Human Services*

Mr. Eric Ogle made the motion to approve the staff recommendation to grant approval to Kaplan University to award the above mentioned programs with the stipulation that Kaplan University submit information demonstrating that the B.S. in Early Childhood Administration degree program is aligned with the Indiana Department of Education standards. Mr. Rod Haywood seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by Rod Haywood, Ken Konesco, Eric Ogle, Joe Pearson, and Dr. Ken Sauer.

**VI. INFORMATION ITEM**

Calendar of Tentative Meeting Dates of the Board

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – approximately 12:24 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 10:00 am – 12:30 pm.

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Dr. Ken Sauer, Chairman

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Date

Submitted by Ross Miller